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### Cotton & Sugarcane Crop Prospects

**Louisiana cotton** production is forecast at 330,000 bales, down eight percent from last month but up 17 percent from 2008. Cotton acreage for harvest is forecast at 225,000 acres. Yield per acre, at 704 pounds, is up 128 pounds from last year's hurricane ravaged crop.

**All U.S. Cotton production** is forecast at 12.6 million 480-pound bales, up one percent from last month but down two percent from last year. **U.S. Upland cotton production** is forecast at 12.2 million 480-pound bales, up one percent from last month but down one percent from last year. Producers in the southeast region are expecting increased yields due to ideal weather conditions for this year's late planted crop. Texas producers are also expecting higher yields. Upland growers in California, Georgia, Kansas, North Carolina, and Oklahoma are expecting record high yields. The **American-Pima production** forecast, at 367,000 bales, was carried forward from the August 2009 forecast.

During the early part of November, Delta producers made significant harvest progress due to ideal weather, but progress remained behind last year and normal. By month's end, harvest was nearing completion. Objective Yield data for Louisiana showed the boll weights to be the lowest in the last ten years but bolls per acre the second highest for the same time frame. In Arkansas, Objective Yield measurements showed bolls per acre to be slightly below average while boll weight was slightly above average. In Mississippi, the boll weights were the highest in the last ten years.

**Louisiana sugarcane production** is estimated at 12.0 million net tons, unchanged from last month but up five percent from last year. Acreage expected for harvest (sugar and seed) is 400,000 acres. Yield is estimated at 30 net tons per acre, up 1.7 net tons from last year.

**U.S. production of sugarcane** for sugar and seed is forecast at 29.1 million tons, of which 27.6 million tons are expected for sugar and 1.5 million tons for seed. Total production for sugar and seed is down fractionally from the November 1 forecast but up five percent from 2008. Producers expect to harvest 852,700 acres for sugar and seed, unchanged from the November forecast but down two percent from last year. Decreases in area harvested for sugar and seed are expected in all estimating states except Texas. Expected yield for sugar and seed is forecast at 34.1 tons per acre, down 0.2 ton from November but up 2.3 tons from 2008.

Production forecasts for sugar and seed remained unchanged in Louisiana and Texas but decreased in Florida and Hawaii. Abnormally dry fall conditions in Florida led to an expected decrease in overall production.

### Sugarcane: Area Harvested, Yield and Production by State and United States

State	Area Harvested 2009 <sup>1</sup>	Yield 2009	Production	
			Final 2008	Ind 2009
	1,000 Acres	Net Tons	1,000 Net Tons	
Florida	390.0	36.4	13,255	14,196
Hawaii	21.7	67.2	1,494	1,459
<b>Louisiana</b>	<b>400.0</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>11,462</b>	<b>12,000</b>
Texas	41.0	35.0	1,392	1,435
<b>United States</b>	<b>852.7</b>	<b>34.1</b>	<b>27,603</b>	<b>29,090</b>

<sup>1</sup>For sugar and seed.

### All Cotton: Area Harvested, Yield and Production by State and United States

State	Area Harvested		Yield		Production <sup>1</sup>	
	Final 2008	Ind 2009	Final 2008	Ind 2009	Final 2008	Ind 2009
	-----1,000 Acres-----		-----Pounds-----		-----1,000 Bales <sup>2</sup> -----	
Alabama	286.0	250.0	787	710	469.0	370.0
Arizona	133.8	140.3	1,456	1,446	405.8	422.7
Arkansas	615.0	500.0	1,012	826	1,296.0	860.0
California	268.0	197.0	1,379	1,413	770.0	580.0
Florida	65.0	81.0	916	664	124.0	112.0
Georgia	920.0	990.0	835	907	1,600.0	1,870.0
Kansas	25.0	32.0	653	720	34.0	48.0
<b>Louisiana</b>	<b>234.0</b>	<b>225.0</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>281.0</b>	<b>330.0</b>
Mississippi	360.0	285.0	911	758	683.0	450.0
Missouri	303.0	263.0	1,106	949	698.0	520.0
New Mexico	36.9	29.4	963	936	74.0	57.3
North Carolina	428.0	370.0	847	986	755.0	760.0
Oklahoma	155.0	195.0	811	837	262.0	340.0
South Carolina	134.0	114.0	881	842	246.0	200.0
Tennessee	280.0	280.0	909	891	530.0	520.0
Texas	3,265.0	3,716.5	658	650	4,474.0	5,032.0
Virginia	60.0	64.0	908	900	113.5	120.0
<b>U.S. All</b>	<b>7,568.7</b>	<b>7,732.2</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>12,815.3</b>	<b>12,592.0</b>

<sup>1</sup>Production ginned and to be ginned.

<sup>2</sup>480-lb. net weight bale.

All Pecan Production			
State	Utilized		Ind
	Final	Final	
	2007	2008	2009
	-----1,000 Pounds-----		
Alabama	12,000	8,000	10,000
Arizona	23,000	17,500	24,000
Arkansas <sup>1</sup>	2,300	1,500	2,300
California <sup>1</sup>	4,400	3,750	3,800
Florida <sup>1</sup>	1,900	1,700	2,100
Georgia	150,000	70,000	85,000
Kansas <sup>1</sup>	500	1,900	1,700
<b>Louisiana</b>	<b>14,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>8,000</b>
Mississippi <sup>1</sup>	3,000	1,500	2,500
Missouri <sup>1</sup>	5	940	1,800
New Mexico	74,000	43,000	76,000
North Carolina <sup>2</sup>	200	700	2/
Oklahoma	30,000	5,000	20,000
South Carolina <sup>1</sup>	2,000	3,400	4,000
Texas	70,000	30,000	60,000
<b>United States</b>	<b>387,305</b>	<b>193,890</b>	<b>301,200</b>

<sup>1</sup>Estimates for current year carried forward from earlier forecast.

<sup>2</sup>Estimates discontinued in 2009.

### United States Pecan Production

Louisiana’s pecan production is forecast at 8.0 million pounds compared to 5.0 million pounds last year.

U.S. pecan production is forecast at 301 million pounds (utilized, in-shell basis), down three percent from the October forecast but 55 percent above the 2008 production. All states in the pecan estimating program have forecast higher production of improved pecans than last year, but the native pecan crop production declined from 2008 in several states. Nationally, improved varieties are expected to produce 252 million pounds or 84 percent of the total, while native and seedling varieties, at 49.5 million pounds, make up the remaining 16 percent of production. The 2009 crop is expected to be larger than last year's, mainly due to the alternate bearing pattern typical of pecans.

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